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22 April 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

THROUGH : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division-DD/P

SUBJECT : P2V7 ELINT Equipment

REFERENCES : A. Memorandum for C/R&D/DPD-DD/P from DD/P dated 21 March 1959, Subject: P2V7 Equipment Program (DD/P 4-4453)

1. This paper contains recommendations for action in paragraph 10 and has been prepared with the assistance and concurrence of [redacted] R&D/DPD-DD/P, and [redacted] AS/Ops/DPD-DD/P.

2. [redacted] has met with the technical representatives of Army, Navy, Air Force, and NSA to provide detailed technical information about the [redacted] for use in the P2V7 aircraft.

3. You have approved in reference A the completion of the prototype [redacted] and its installation and test in a P2V7 aircraft. It is anticipated by [redacted] that the test will be accomplished in August. At that time the representatives of the agencies will be made aware of the results of the test and then be in a position to register their views regarding the procurement of such equipment for their own needs or their participation in financial support for such equipment for P2V7 craft.

4. Action required: None at this time. I will report the other agencies' views when feasible.

5. In reference A you postponed decision on prototype installation and testing of [redacted] pending further investigation of requirements by the undersigned.

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9. In the light of the foregoing plus the fact that the Agency is in control and responsible for the P2V7 and its ELINT collecting capabilities, it would seem to me that we do have a responsibility at least to go forward with the installation and test at Eglin [redacted] (thereby permitting the development of specifications and instructions for installation if required

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into the other four P2V7s if in the field), and, assuming that the tests were satisfactory, to put such craft in operation [redacted] in dollars, we are speaking [redacted] for installation and test and [redacted] for the purchase of one equipment. Simultaneously, the potential of this gear should be made known to the Services and NSA, particularly the Air Force and Navy along with our own plans and invite them if they are as impressed as Eglin to indicate their willingness to outfit the remaining craft. In the event that they could not or would not provide additional funds, the Agency would then be free to judge its own responsibility in terms of to what extent it ought to go to outfit the planes to establish an up-to-date collection capability for possible use where warranted.

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b. That R&D/DPD-DD/P be responsible for acquainting technical experts of the Services and NSA with progress in pursuance of the foregoing recommendation.

c. That at the appropriate time in terms of the acquisition of data pursuant to b above the undersigned initiate formal inquiry of those agencies as to their interest in providing financial support in line with the reasoning set forth in paragraph 9 above.

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Recommendations in paragraph 10
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